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SUBJECT: UK "DOES NOT DISSENT" FROM EEC DECLARATION OF
NOVEMBER 6 ON MIDDLE EAST.

1. IN REPLY TO QUESTION DURING PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 26,
FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS SPOKESMAN STATED THAT HMG DID "NOT
DISSENT" FROM DECLARATION MADE BY THE EEC FOREIGN MINIS-
TERS ON NOVEMBER 6 REGARDING THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS
STATEMENT GOT LOW-KEY TREATMENT IN BRITISH PRESS, BEING
COMBINED IN ARTICLES WITH OTHER SUBJECTS.

2. COMMENT: FCO SOURCES ASSURE US FONSEC CALLAGHAN'S
DECISION TO AUTHORIZE THIS STATEMENT IN REPLY TO
QUESTIONS BEING ASKED REGULARLY BY DIPLOMATIC INTER-
LOCUTORS DOES NOT MEAN HE HAS MADE DECISIONS ON RELATED
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MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. FOR EXAMPLE, NEW GOVERNMENT HAS

NOT YET MADE OFFICIAL COMMENT ON LAST GOVERNMENT'S
MIDDLE EAST DECLARATION ENSHRINED BY FONSEC DOUGLAS-HOME
IN SPEECH AT HARROGATE IN 1970. THEY ALSO ASSURE US
THAT CALLAGHAN HAS MADE NO FINAL DECISION ON EEC PRO-
POSED DIALOGUE WITH THE ARABS AND WISHES TO SPEAK WITH
SECRETARY KISSINGER ABOUT THAT MARCH 28.

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